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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original) A freestanding partition panel for dividing a floor space, comprising:  
a rigid partition frame having horizontally spaced apart vertical side frame members and vertically spaced apart first and second horizontal members extending between said vertical side frame members to form a generally quadrilateral vertically enlarged opening through said frame and defining an open space within said panel;  
at least one intermediate horizontal cross member extending across said vertically enlarged opening and defining an upper opening through said frame above said intermediate horizontal cross member, and defining a lower opening through said frame below said intermediate horizontal cross member;  
said intermediate horizontal cross member and at least a selected one of said first and second horizontal frame members including a plurality of horizontally spaced apart attachment locations defining a plurality of discrete, serially adjacent mounting spaces in a selected one of said upper and lower openings through said frame within said open space;  
a modular appliance unit connectable to selected ones of said attachment locations of said intermediate horizontal cross member and said selected one of said first and second

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horizontal members, such that said utility unit can be mounted in a selected one of said mounting spaces, said appliance unit having a side edge spaced apart from a selected one of said vertical side frame members;

a first cover panel secured to said partition frame and extending horizontally between said side edge of said appliance unit and said selected vertical side frame member, said first cover panel connected to said intermediate horizontal cross member and extending vertically between said intermediate horizontal cross member and said selected one of said first and second members; and

a second cover panel secured to said partition frame and extending horizontally between said vertical side frame members, said second cover panel extending vertically between said intermediate horizontal cross member and the other of said selected one of said first and second members.

Claim 2 (original) The partition panel of claim 1, wherein:

said first horizontal member extends proximate an upper edge of said partition panel.

Claim 3 (original) The partition panel of claim 2, wherein:

said second horizontal member extends proximate a lower edge of said partition panel.

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Claim 4 (original) The partition panel of claim 1, wherein:

    said intermediate horizontal cross member comprises a first intermediate horizontal cross member; and including:

    an upper horizontal frame member extending between and rigidly interconnecting said vertical side frame members, said first horizontal frame members including said plurality of horizontally spaced apart attachment locations and positioned below said upper horizontal frame member to define a second intermediate horizontal cross member, such that said mounting spaces are defined between said first and second intermediate horizontal cross members.

Claim 5 (original) The partition panel of claim 1, including:

    a cover panel mounting bracket connected to said intermediate horizontal cross member and to said selected one of said first and second horizontal frame members proximate said side edge of said appliance unit, said first cover panel having a vertical side edge of said appliance unit, said first cover panel including a connector proximate said vertical side edge secured to said cover panel mounting bracket.

Claim 6 (original) The partition panel of claim 1, wherein:

    said appliance unit comprises a power unit having a power receptacle outlet.

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Claim 7 (original) The partition panel of claim 1, wherein:

    said appliance unit comprises a storage unit having vertically extending side walls and horizontally extending upper and lower walls defining an interior space, said storage unit further including a horizontal shelf extending between said vertical side walls.

Claim 8 (original) The partition panel of claim 7, wherein:

    said first and second cover panels have an exterior surface defining a vertical plane; said horizontal shelf having an inner portion disposed within said interior space, and having an exterior portion extending horizontally outward of said vertical plane.

Claim 9 (original) The partition panel of claim 1, wherein:

    said attachment locations comprise threaded openings;  
    said appliance unit has a generally quadrilateral perimeter defining four corners; and including:  
        at least one threaded fastener proximate each corner received in said threaded openings to secure said appliance unit to said partition frame.

Claim 10 (original) A freestanding partition panel for dividing a floor space, comprising:

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a rigid partition frame having first and second horizontally spaced apart vertical side frame members, and elongated vertically spaced apart first and second horizontal members extending between said vertical side frame members to define an open space within said panel; said first and second horizontal members including a plurality of horizontally spaced apart attachment locations defining a plurality of discrete, serially adjacent mounting spaces within said open space;

a modular appliance unit connectable to selected ones of said attachment locations of said first and second horizontal members and extending vertically between said first and second horizontal members; said appliance unit defining a generally vertical side edge horizontally spaced apart from said first vertical side frame member to define a gap therebetween; and

a cover panel secured to said partition frame, said cover panel having a first vertical side edge proximate said vertical side edge of said appliance unit, and a second vertical side edge proximate said first vertical side frame member, said cover panel secured to said first and second horizontal members and extending therebetween to substantially close off said gap.

Claim 11 (original) The partition panel of claim 10, including:

a cover panel bracket secured to said first and second horizontal members and extending therebetween proximate said vertical side edge of said appliance unit;

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said cover panel including at least one connector proximate said first vertical side edge of said cover panel securing said cover panel to said cover panel bracket.

Claim 12 (original) The partition panel of claim 11, wherein:

said attachment locations comprise threaded openings; and including:  
a plurality of threaded fasteners securing said appliance unit and said cover panel bracket to said thread openings.

Claim 13 (original) The partition panel of claim 11, wherein:

said cover panel includes at least one opening; and  
said at least one connector comprises a clip received in said opening to secure said cover panel to said cover panel bracket.

Claim 14 (original) The partition panel of claim 10, wherein:

said cover panel comprises a first cover panel;  
said gap comprises a first gap;  
said vertical side edge of said appliance unit comprises a first vertical side edge;  
said appliance unit having a second vertical side edge horizontally spaced from said second vertical side frame member to define a second gap therebetween; and

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a second cover panel secured to said partition frame and substantially closing off said second gap.

Claim 15 (original) The partition panel of claim 10, including:

an upper horizontal frame member extending between and rigidly interconnecting said vertical side frame members, said upper horizontal frame member vertically spaced above a selected one of said first and second horizontal members to define an upper gap;

a lower horizontal frame member extending between and rigidly interconnecting said vertical side frame members, said lower horizontal frame member vertically spaced below the other one of said first and second horizontal members to define a lower gap;

an upper cover panel secured to said partition frame and closing off said upper gap; and  
a lower cover panel secured to said partition frame and closing off said lower gap.

Claim 16 (original) The partition panel of claim 15, wherein:

said vertical side frame members, first and second horizontal members, and upper and lower horizontal frame members have a plurality of openings;

said upper and lower cover panels each including protruding connectors received in said openings to secure said upper and lower cover panels to said partition frame.

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Claim 17 (original) The partition panel of claim 10, wherein:

    said appliance unit comprises a power unit having a power receptacle outlet.

Claim 18 (original) The partition panel of claim 10, wherein:

    said appliance unit comprises a storage unit having vertically extending side walls and horizontally extending upper and lower walls defining an interior space, said storage unit further including a horizontal shelf extending between said vertical side walls.

Claim 19 (original) The partition panel of claim 18, wherein:

    said first and second cover panels have an exterior surface defining a vertical plane;  
    said horizontal shelf having an inner portion disposed within said interior space, and having an exterior portion extending horizontally outward of said vertical plane.

Claim 20 (original) A method of configuring a partition panel, comprising:

    providing a freestanding partition frame defining horizontally spaced apart vertical side faces and an interior space between said vertical side faces, said partition frame having first and second generally vertical side edges that are horizontally spaced apart to define a frame width, said partition frame having generally horizontal upper and lower edges defining a generally quadrilateral perimeter with said vertical side edges;

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dividing at least a portion of said interior space into a plurality of serially adjacent mounting spaces defining a horizontal row, said mounting spaces each having substantially the same size and configuration;

providing a plurality of modular appliance units, each configured to be mounted into a selected one of said mounting spaces at a selected horizontal position and having an exterior side surface that faces outwardly, a generally vertical side edge and generally horizontal upper and lower side edges defining a height;

securing said appliance unit to said portion frame in a selected one of said mounting spaces at a selected horizontal position with said vertical side edge of said appliance unit spaced inwardly from said first vertical side edge of said partition frame to form a first gap defining a width that is substantially less than said frame width, said upper side edge of said appliance unit spaced downwardly from said upper edge of said partition frame to form an upper gap having a width about the same as said frame width, said lower side edge of said utility unit spaced upwardly from said lower edge of said partition frame to form a lower gap having a width about the same as said frame width;

providing a first cover panel having a width substantially equal to said first gap, and a height substantially the same as the height of said utility unit;

installing said first cover panel to said partition frame to substantially close off said first gap;

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installing an upper cover panel to substantially close off said upper gap; and  
installing a lower cover panel to substantially close off said lower gap.

Claim 21 (original) The method of claim 20, wherein:

at least one of said appliance units includes a power receptacle, and at least one  
appliance unit includes a shelf.

Claim 22 (original) The method of claim 20, wherein:

said vertical side edge of said appliance unit comprises a first vertical side edge, said  
appliance unit having a second generally vertical side edge;  
said second vertical side edge spaced apart from said second vertical side edge of said  
partition frame to define a second gap; and including:

providing a second cover panel having width substantially equal to the height of said  
utility unit.

Claims 23-24 (canceled)

Claims 25 (original) A freestanding partition panel for subdividing the floor space of a  
building interior, said partition panel comprising:

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a plurality of interconnected structural members defining a partition frame configured to be supported on a floor surface, said partition panel having first and second major exterior surfaces disposed on opposite sides of said panel;

a first support member attached to said frame, said first support member attachable to said frame at a plurality of vertically spaced apart support member positions and wherein said first support member is disposed substantially between said first and second major exterior surfaces when attached in said plurality of support member positions;

at least one cover panel defining a first portion of said major exterior surface and having a generally quadrilateral perimeter defining a cover panel height; and

an appliance unit mounted on said partition panel and secured to said first support member, said appliance unit defining a second portion of said first major exterior surface, said second portion having a perimeter defining an appliance unit height, said perimeters being mutually adjacently positioned for a partial vertical length of said outermost perimeter, said cover panel height and said appliance unit height being substantially equal, said appliance unit being securable to said first support member at a plurality of horizontally spaced appliance positions on said first support member and wherein said appliance unit is mountable at a plurality of horizontally and vertically spaced apart installation positions on said partition panel, said appliance unit being vertically repositionable by vertically repositioning said first

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support member, and said appliance unit being horizontally repositionable by repositioning said appliance on said first support member.

Claim 26 (original) The partition panel of claim 25, wherein:

    said appliance unit is directly secured to both said frame and said first support member.

Claim 27 (original) The partition panel of claim 25, further comprising:

    a repositionable second support member and wherein said appliance unit is secured to each of said first and second support members.

Claim 28 (original) The partition panel of claim 25, wherein:

    said first support member is an elongate member having opposite ends attachable to said frame proximate said support member positions, said plurality of appliance positions being spaced between said first and second ends.

Claim 29 (original) The partition panel of claim 28, wherein:

    said frame defines a rectilinear shape and said first support member is positioned parallel to at least one edge of said rectilinear shape.

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Claim 30 (original) The partition panel of claim 29, wherein:

    said appliance unit is directly secured to both said first support member and said frame and is positioned between said first support member and said frame.

Claim 31 (original) The partition panel of claim 29, further comprising:

    a second support member extending parallel to said first support member, said appliance unit being securable to said second support member and wherein said appliance unit is positioned between said first and second support members.

Claim 32 (original) The partition panel of claim 25, further comprising:

    a second cover panel defining at least a portion of said first major surface.

Claim 33 (original) The partition panel of claim 25, further comprising:

    a vertically repositionable second support member extending parallel to said support member, said support members subdividing said first major surface into a plurality of vertical segments, each of said vertical segments having a vertical dimension substantially equivalent to a selected one of said common vertical dimension and a multiple of said common vertical dimension.

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Claim 34 (original) The partition panel of claim 33, further comprising:  
a second cover panel defining at least a portion of said first major surface.

Claim 35 (original) The partition panel of claim 29, further comprising:  
a second repositionable support member extending parallel to said first support  
member, said appliance being securable to said second support member and wherein said  
appliance unit is positioned between said first and second support members, said first and  
second support members being positioned inwardly from said parallel edges; and  
said partition panel further comprising a second cover member defining a portion of  
said first major surface and wherein said first and second cover members are respectively  
secured to said first and second support members and are positioned on opposite sides of said  
appliance unit.

Claim 36 (original) The partition panel of claim 25, wherein:  
said appliance unit comprises an articulating support arm for a flat screen display.

Claim 37 (original) The partition panel of claim 25, further comprising:  
a second appliance unit, said second appliance unit defining a portion of said second  
major exterior surface and wherein said panel interior is divisible by a centerline plane and

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comprises a first half located between said centerline plane and said first major exterior surface and a second half located between said centerline plane and said second major exterior surface and wherein each of said appliances is configured to be disposed within only one of said panel interior halves whereby said appliances are positionable directly opposite each other.

Claims 38-52 (canceled)

Claim 53 (original) A freestanding partition panel for subdividing the floor space of a building interior, said partition panel comprising:

    a plurality of interconnected structural members defining a frame of said partition panel, said partition panel having first and second major exterior surfaces disposed on opposite sides of said panel and defining a panel interior therebetween;

    a repositionable first support member attached to said frame, said first support member attachable to said frame at a plurality of support member positions spaced apart in a first direction and wherein said first support member is disposed substantially between said first and second major surfaces when attached in said plurality of support member positions;

    a cover panel support bracket detachably secured to said first support member and extending in said first direction;

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an appliance unit mounted on said partition panel and secured to said first support member, said appliance defining a portion of said first major surface;

at least one cover member mounted on said partition panel and secured to said cover panel support bracket, said cover member defining at least a portion of said first major surface and positioned adjacent said appliance, said cover member overlaying a portion of said cover panel support bracket, wherein said cover member and said appliance unit define a common edge therebetween, said common edge extending in said first direction and at least one end of said common edge terminating at a point located on said first major surface inwardly of said structural members, said cover panel support bracket extending along substantially a full length of said common edge.

Claim 54 (original) The partition panel of claim 53, wherein:

said plurality of interconnected structural members define a rectilinear frame and said first support member extends across said frame parallel to a first one of said structural members and said cover panel support bracket extends from said first support member to said first structural member.

Claim 55 (original) The partition panel of claim 54, wherein:

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said cover panel support bracket includes mounting features for attaching said cover member.

Claim 56 (original) The partition panel of claim 55, wherein:

said mounting features comprise apertures and said cover member includes spring clips engageable with said apertures.

Claim 57 (original) The partition panel of claim 53, wherein:

said plurality of interconnected structural members define a rectilinear frame and said first support member extends across said frame parallel to a first one of said structural members and said partition panel further comprises a second repositionable support member extending across said frame parallel to said first structural member, said cover panel support bracket extending from said first support member to said second support member.

Claim 58 (original) The partition panel of claim 57, wherein:

said first and second support members extend vertically and are horizontally repositionable and said cover panel support bracket extends horizontally between said support members.

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Claim 59 (original) The partition panel of claim 57, wherein:

    said first and second support members extend vertically and are vertically repositionable and said cover panel support bracket extends vertically between said support members.

Claim 60 (original) The partition panel of claim 59, wherein:

    said cover panel support bracket includes mounting features for attaching said cover member.

Claim 61 (original) The partition panel of claim 60, wherein:

    said mounting features comprise apertures and said cover member includes spring clips engageable with said apertures.

Claim 62 (original) The partition panel of claim 59, wherein:

    said cover panel support bracket is repositionable at spaced horizontal positions on said first and second support members.

Claim 63 (original) The partition panel of claim 53, further comprising:

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a second appliance unit, said second appliance unit defining a portion of said second major exterior surface and wherein said panel interior is divisible by a centerline plane and comprises a first half located between said centerline plan and said first major exterior surface and a second half located between said centerline plane and said second major exterior surface and wherein each of said appliance units is configured to be disposed within only one of said panel interior halves whereby said appliance units are positionable directly opposite each other.

Claim 64 (canceled)

Claim 65 (new) A freestanding partition panel for subdividing the floor space of a building interior, said partition panel comprising:

a plurality of interconnected structural members defining a partition frame configured to be supported on a floor surface, said partition panel having first and second major exterior surfaces disposed on opposite sides of said panel;

a first support member attached to said frame, said first support member attachable to said frame at a plurality of vertically spaced apart support member positions and wherein said first support member is disposed substantially between said first and second major exterior surfaces when attached in said plurality of support member positions;

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at least one cover panel defining a first portion of said major exterior surface and having a generally quadrilateral perimeter defining a cover panel height; a first appliance unit mounted on said partition panel and secured to said first support member, said first appliance unit defining a second portion of said first major exterior surface, said second portion having a perimeter defining an appliance unit height, said perimeter being mutually adjacently positioned for a partial vertical length of said outermost perimeter, said cover panel height and said appliance unit height being substantially equal, said first appliance unit being securable to said first support member at a plurality of horizontally spaced appliance positions on said first support member and wherein said first appliance unit is mountable at a plurality of horizontally and vertically spaced apart installation positions on said partition panel, said first appliance unit being vertically repositionable by vertically repositioning said first support member, and said first appliance unit being horizontally repositionable by repositioning said first appliance unit on said first support member; and a second appliance unit, said second appliance unit defining a portion of said second major exterior surface and wherein said panel interior is divisible by a centerline plane and comprises a first half located between said centerline plane and said first major exterior surface and a second half located between said centerline plane and said second major exterior surface and wherein each of said first and second appliances is configured to be disposed within only

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one of said panel interior halves whereby said first and second appliances are positionable directly opposite each other.

Claim 66 (new) A freestanding partition panel for subdividing the floor space of a building interior, said partition panel comprising:

    a plurality of interconnected structural members defining a frame of said partition panel, said partition panel having first and second major exterior surfaces disposed on opposite sides of said panel and defining a panel interior therebetween;

    a repositionable first support member attached to said frame, said first support member attachable to said frame at a plurality of support member positions spaced apart in a first direction and wherein said first support member is disposed substantially between said first and second major surfaces when attached in said plurality of support member positions;

    a cover panel support bracket detachably secured to said first support member and extending in said first direction;

    a first appliance unit mounted on said partition panel and secured to said first support member, said first appliance unit defining a portion of said first major surface;

    at least one cover member mounted on said partition panel and secured to said cover panel and support bracket, said cover member defining at least a portion of said first major surface and positioned adjacent said appliance, said cover member overlaying a portion of said

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cover panel support bracket, wherein said cover member and said first appliance unit define a common edge therebetween, said common edge extending in said first direction and at least one end of said common edge terminating at a point located on said first major surface inwardly of said structural members, said cover panel support bracket extending along substantially a full length of said common edge; and

a second appliance unit, said second appliance unit defining a portion of said second major exterior surface and wherein said panel interior is divisible by a centerline plane and comprises a first half located between said centerline plane and said first major exterior surface and a second half located between said centerline plane and said second major exterior surface and wherein each of said first and second appliance units is configured to be disposed within only one of said panel interior halves whereby said first and second appliance units are positionable directly opposite each other.